

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
LAURA MORENO-RODRIGUEZ,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-00136-JCC-1  
  
ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to reduce her sentence pursuant to Amendment 821 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines ("USSG") and 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) (Dkt. No. 319). Having considered the briefing and the relevant record, the Court hereby DENIES the motion for the reasons explained herein.

On March 23, 2022, Defendant entered into a guilty plea for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. (*See* Dkt. No. 207 at 2.) Defendant was sentenced to 120 months with a total offense level of 39 and a criminal history category ("CHC") I. (*See* Dkt. No. 282 at 1.) This resulted in a sentencing guidelines range of 262 to 327 months. (*Id.* at 2.)

Defendant now petitions the Court for a reduction pursuant to Amendment 821 to the USSG. (*See* Dkt. No. 319.) Relevant here, Part B, Subpart 1 of the amendment provides a two-level reduction in the offense level for certain zero-point offenders—that is, defendants with no criminal history whose offenses meet the guideline's criteria. *See* USSG § 4C1.1(a).

1 Here, Defendant fails to meet the mandate that she not receive an adjustment under  
2 §3B1.1 for an aggravating role. Hence, she is ineligible for the Zero Point Offender reduction.  
3 Because Amendment 821's retroactive Zero Point Offender amendment does not lower  
4 Defendant's sentencing range, her motion is DENIED. *See* USSG § 1B1.10(a)(2).  
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8 DATED this 19th day of April 2024.  
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